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McManus to Participate in 1438th Division Military Send-Off

Senator to Speak to Camp Grayling Soldiers Prior to Deployment

(LANSING) – Soldiers of the 1438th Engineer Detachment based out of Camp Grayling will depart for overseas this Monday, and state Senator Michelle McManus will be in attendance to wish them good luck.

“There is no greater sacrifice an American can make than to fight for their country, and by speaking to the soldiers of the 1438th Engineer Detachment I hope to wish them the best of luck in their upcoming crusade,” McManus said. “It will be an honor and privilege to stand before our men and women of Camp Grayling and speak to them prior to the patriotic journey they are prepared to embark on.”

The 1438th Engineer Detachment (Utility), 507th Engineer Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard stationed at Camp Grayling, has received notification of a Presidential Call-Up in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle. The unit is mobilized at Camp Grayling and is preparing their equipment for departure to their mobilization station, where they will spend about a week in processing before moving on to their duty assignment. Their final destination has yet to be confirmed.

Senator McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, will speak to the troops at 10:00 a.m. Monday February 24. She will meet with the National Guard escort and press at the Camp Grayling main gate prior to briefing the soldiers. McManus will also receive an itinerary of the unit’s mission, equipment and functions.

Camp Grayling, located in central Northern Michigan, is the largest military installation east of the Mississippi River, and is the nation’s largest National Guard training site. Year around training is conducted on its 147,000 acres by the National Guard, as well as active and reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

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All media is welcome to cover the send-off, which will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the main gate of Camp Grayling.

“I am honored to take part in this event to send our soldiers off with our heart-felt sentiments to fight for our nation,” McManus said. “These men and women are already our heroes, and we will be right here waiting for them when they return safely to Camp Grayling.”

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